

Roles of Sanctuary Advisory Council Seats for Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

Education:

- affiliation with educational institutions or organizations in the sanctuary region;
- ability to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and educators;
- direct experience with marine education programs;
- experience, ability, and availability to conduct educational outreach consistent with the goals of the sanctuary and the mission of the council; and
- commitment and availability of time to chair the council's Education Working Group, if needed.

Research:

- affiliation with scientific research institutions or organizations active in the sanctuary region;
- ability to effectively communicate with multiple institutions and scientists;
- direct experience with marine research programs;
- experience, ability, and availability to conduct outreach within the research community consistent with the goals of the sanctuary and the mission of the council; and
- commitment and availability of time to chair the council's Research Working Group, if needed.

Conservation:

- familiarity with marine or conservation issues and management approaches affecting the sanctuary;
- experience working with or representing conservation or environmental organizations, especially those involved with marine conservation;
- ability to communicate effectively with the broader conservation community in the sanctuary region; and
- commitment and availability of time to chair the council's Conservation Working Group, if needed.

Fishing – Commercial (including head boat & charter operations)

- knowledge of commercial fishing activities (including head boats) within the sanctuary region;
- breadth of experience and knowledge regarding fisheries law, policies, and practices affecting the sanctuary;
- ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the commercial fishing industry (including head boats); and
- commitment and availability of time to chair the council's Commercial Fishing Working Group, if needed.

Fishing – Recreational (does NOT include head boat operations)

- knowledge of recreational fishing activities within the sanctuary region;
- breadth of experience and knowledge regarding fisheries law, policies, and practices affecting the sanctuary;
- ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the recreational fishing community; and
- commitment and availability of time to chair the council's Recreational Fishing Working Group, if needed.

Recreational Diving:

- familiarity and affiliation with recreational divers in communities near the sanctuary;
- understanding of the links between sanctuary resources, recreational diving, and other human activities;
- ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the recreational dive community; and
- commitment and availability of time to chair the council's Recreational Diving Working Group, if needed.

Diving Operators (including dive charter vessel operators, dive shops and other dive related businesses):

- familiarity and affiliation with dive related businesses in communities near the sanctuary;
- understanding of the links between sanctuary resources, dive related businesses, and human activities;
- ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the dive business; and
- commitment and availability of time to chair the council's Diving Operators Working Group, if needed.

Oil and Gas Industry:

- familiarity and affiliation with local oil and gas related industries in communities near the sanctuary;
- understanding of the links between oil and gas industry, sanctuary resources, and human activities; and
- ability and willingness to communicate with key representatives from the oil and gas industry; and
- commitment and availability of time to chair the council's Oil and Gas Industry Working Group, if needed.